

## Memorandum

: ALL DISTRICT TRAFFIC ENGINEERS

Date : December 22, 1992

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From : DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Division of Traffic Operations

Subject : Construction Speed Zones

Section 8-03.3D of the Traffic Manual provides for reducing speed limits through construction zones. It requires, among other things, that speed zones will be installed at locations jointly agreed upon by the Traffic Engineer and the Construction Engineer, and will be verified by an engineering and traffic survey.

As you are aware the Construction Zone Enhanced Enforcement Program (COZEEP) is now in effect, in cooperation with the California Highway Patrol. Projects which qualify for COZEEP will do so due to unusual features such as hazards, night work, worker exposure, etc. The studies made to identify these projects are considered sufficient to satisfy the intent of the engineering and traffic survey requirement.

Therefore, COZEEP projects will qualify for downward speed zoning. The reduction in speed should not be more than 10 m.p.h. below the posted or maximum speed limit of the facility - 45 m.p.h. on freeways. If the zone falls at the beginning or end of an established 65 m.p.h. zone, 45 m.p.h. may still be used and the existing signing adjusted accordingly.

It is not the intention, however, that the entire length of the project be posted for the duration of the contract, but rather to post them only in areas where traffic is affected by construction operations. The placing of speed reduction signs in areas where no construction is taking place on or near the traveled way breeds disrespect and results in less effective speed zones at locations where the protection is really needed. Therefore, it will be necessary to cover or remove the speed limit signs when they are no longer required.

It is still permissible to post the advisory speed plate (W6) in combination with various warning type signs i.e., curvature, narrow roadway, detour, rough road, dip, etc., to indicate need to decrease speed at a particular location. Police agencies can cite a motorist under the Basic Speed Law for driving a vehicle upon a highway at a

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speed greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for weather, visibility, traffic and the surface and width of the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property.

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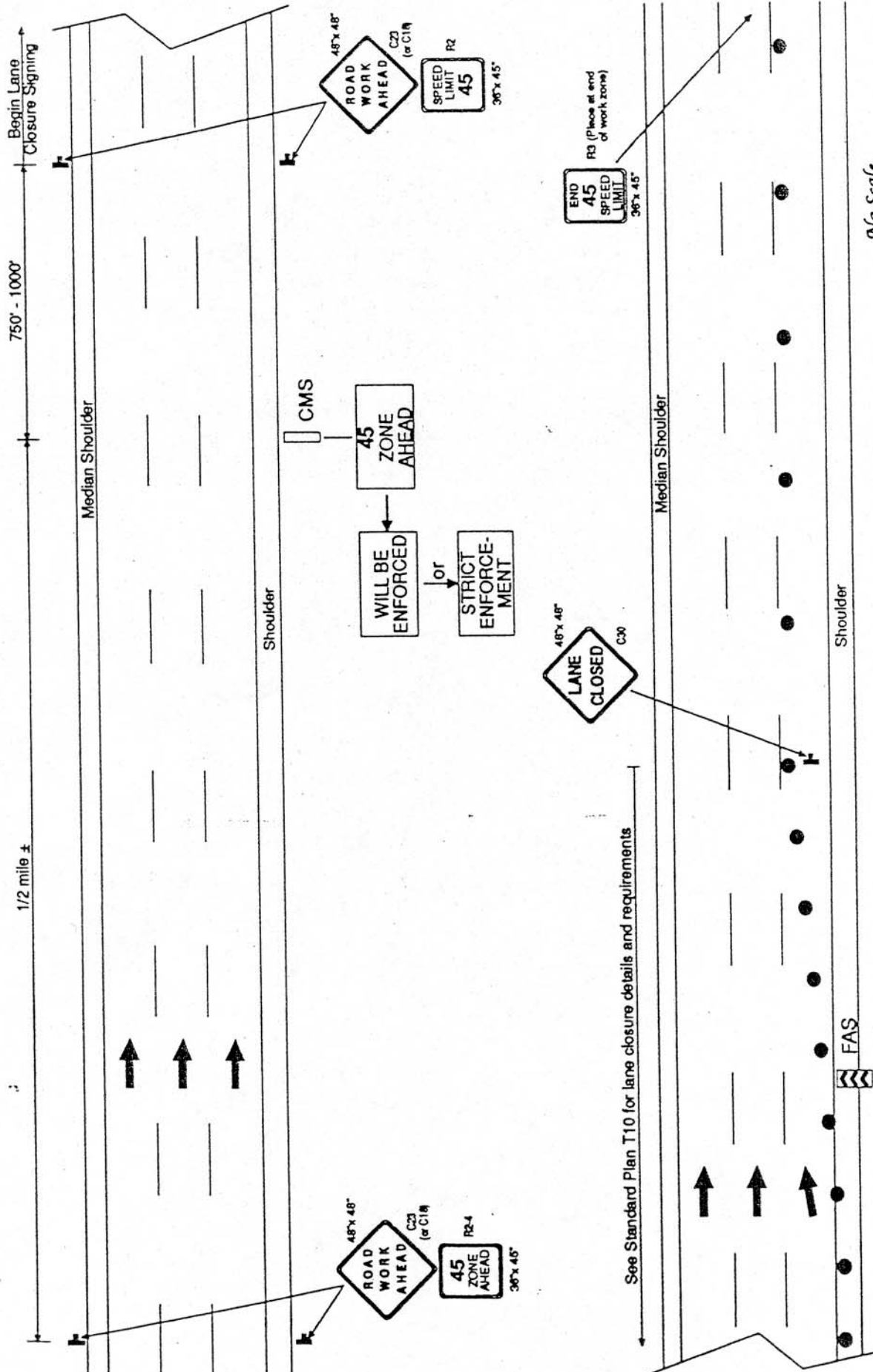
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# TYPICAL SIGNING FOR COZEEP/ MAZEPP REDUCED SPEED ZONE



No Scale